GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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ALLOTING PAY PHONES PCOS TO UNEMPLOYED YOUTHS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to allot Pay Phones/PCOs to the unemployed youths throughout the country on a priority basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has received reports regarding alleged violation of the instructions issued in this regard; and

(d) if so, the number of persons found guilty in this regard and the nature of punishment awarded to them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) No, Sir. There is no proposal to provide priority to the unemployed youth in allotment of PCOs. However, PCOs are allotted liberally without any restrictions to all applicants of 18 years of age or above including unemployed youths, subject to technical feasibility.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.